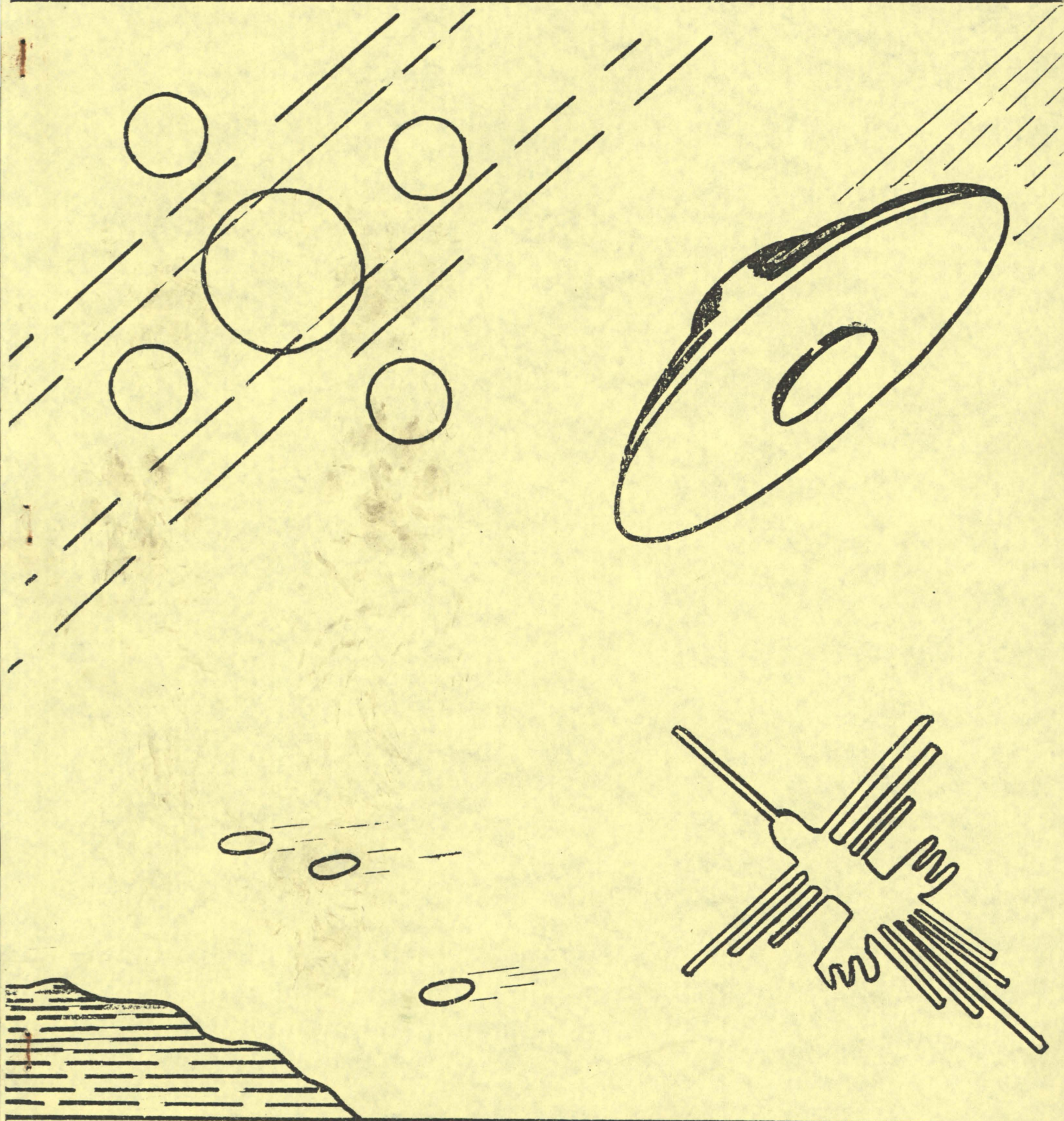


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* THE SUDDEN DEATH OF STUART SMITH I.U.N. *

The world of UFOLOGY was stunned this month, with the news that Stuart Smith had died suddenly while attending a UFO conference in Austria.

Stuart was head of "Enigma Design & Publishing" based in Burnley, Lancs. and edited "UFO Brigantia", the journal of "The Independent UFO Network". He had been a leading light in UFO circles for a number of years and many members will remember him for the excellent International Conferences that he organised in Sheffield. The conferences included such speakers as Jacques Vallee, George D. Fawcett, Budd Hopkins, John Keel, Cynthia Hind, Linda Moulton-Howe, Jenny Randles and Hilary Evans.

We understand that Stuart, who was in his mid-forties and a diabetic, contracted Flu' while covering a UFO conference in Austria. He declined to call in a local doctor and persevered with his coverage of the conference, together with friends and his fifteen year old son. His illness became progressively worse and he died during the night at his hotel.

To the many people who had met him, his passing will be noted with particular sadness, for he had a bright friendly personality and an intense interest in the UFO subject. It goes almost without saying that he will be greatly missed, not only for his contribution to the ever changing UFO scene, but as one of the friendliest people in the business.

OUT IN THE COLD?

What has been going on in Iceland in recent weeks?

We have heard from a usually reliable source that there may well have been a UFO landing on this remote island. Rumours of military activity, area's of the country being cordoned off and American ships patrolling the coastline all add to the air of mystery surrounding this story.

It seems that Tony Dodd, the well known UFO investigator, has actually flown to Iceland to investigate what is going on!

If we hear any more on this story, we will publish the details in the next issue of the OVNI.

It is worth reflecting on the alleged UFO landing in Canada in 1991. Video of a multi coloured craft, complete with flashing lights has been doing the rounds' for the last few months. The scene, shot at night, also showed several flares burning on the ground alongside the "craft". We heard that when Timothy Good was sent a copy, he watched it and then promptly popped into the nearest waste paper bin!

----- ON THE TRIANGLE SCENE

It is difficult to keep pace with the number of "Flying Triangle" reports reaching us from near and afar. A selection of reports follows:-

From the "Oklahoma MUFON News" November 1993

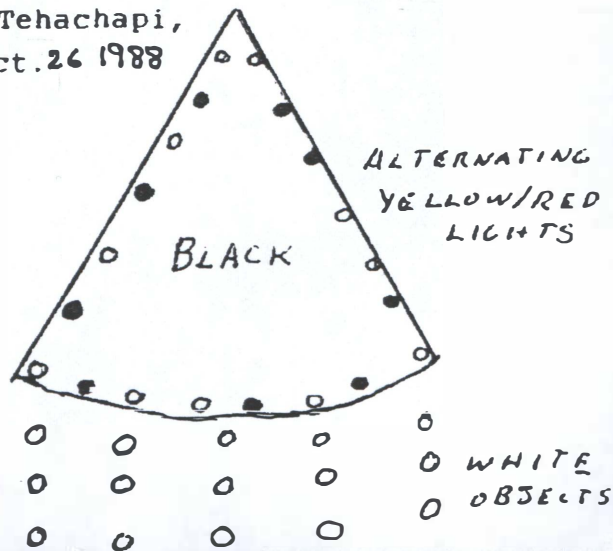
On September 5, 1993 at about 8pm, an eleven year old girl, her six year old sister, a twelve year old neighbours girl and a lady in her forties, all saw a UFO Triangle over the city. The object made a slight buzzing sound as it passed nearby heading south to north.

It was triangle shape, with red/white lights underneath with a small red light at the rear of the object, detached. It moved slowly north at a steady speed until going to the end of a nearby block and then speeded up. "A couple of car alarms went off when the object went up."

The speed was estimated to be only about ten miles an hour and the size, as large as a neighbourhood house.



UFO seen near Tehachapi,
California, Oct. 26 1988



Child's drawing of UFO seen over Oklahoma
City, Sept. 5, 1993

Triangles contd.....

November 17th 1993 issue of "The Islander" (Gulf Breeze USA).

Sightings in Pine Park, Pensacola.

October 11th 1993

Reported by "Bob" & "Carol"

October 17th 1993

Reported by "Ted" & "Alice"

Both groups of witnesses reported seeing "boomerang" or "V" shaped craft, "Carol" reported that there were thirteen "poker chips" associated with the sighting and she described them as dull matt grey, but that they were light enough to contrast against the dark night sky.

The area between the "V" (of the main object) was very luminous at the brightest part, although no distinct lights were visible. "Ted" & "Alice" sketched a similar object and both sets of witnesses reported no sound associated with the object.

A local Pensacolian reported a large black triangular craft on November 1st this year, on North Davis Highway in Pensacola. The witness stated that it was the size of a jet liner and moved slower than the traffic, the time was 0715 (local time).

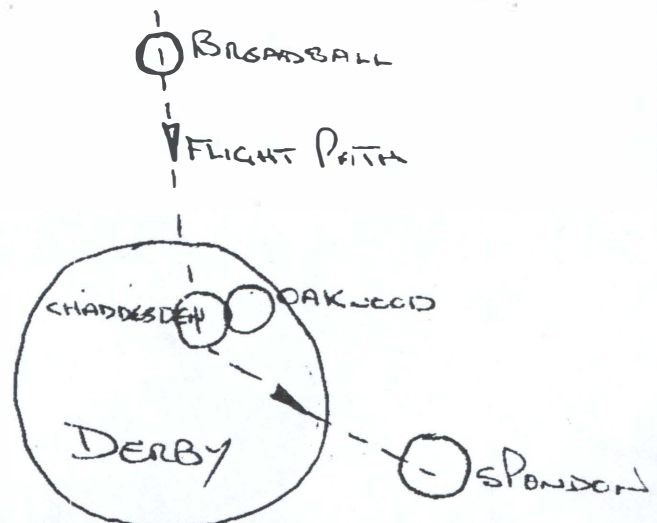
The object had red and silver lights covering the bottom and was preceded by about one hundred small silver objects. (A complete investigation is pending).

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While driving from Oakwood Estate into Woods Road, Chaddesden, Ian Hitchcock saw a triangular shaped object surrounded by a number of glowing and flashing red lights (see sketch).

The object appeared low down and travelling fast from North to South and then changing course to the South-East. The observation lasted about two minutes and it is not known if there was any sound associated with the object.

The witness described a definite triangle shape and observed as the size of a one pence piece at arms length. Conditions at the time were: clear sky, with stars visible and a cool temperature.



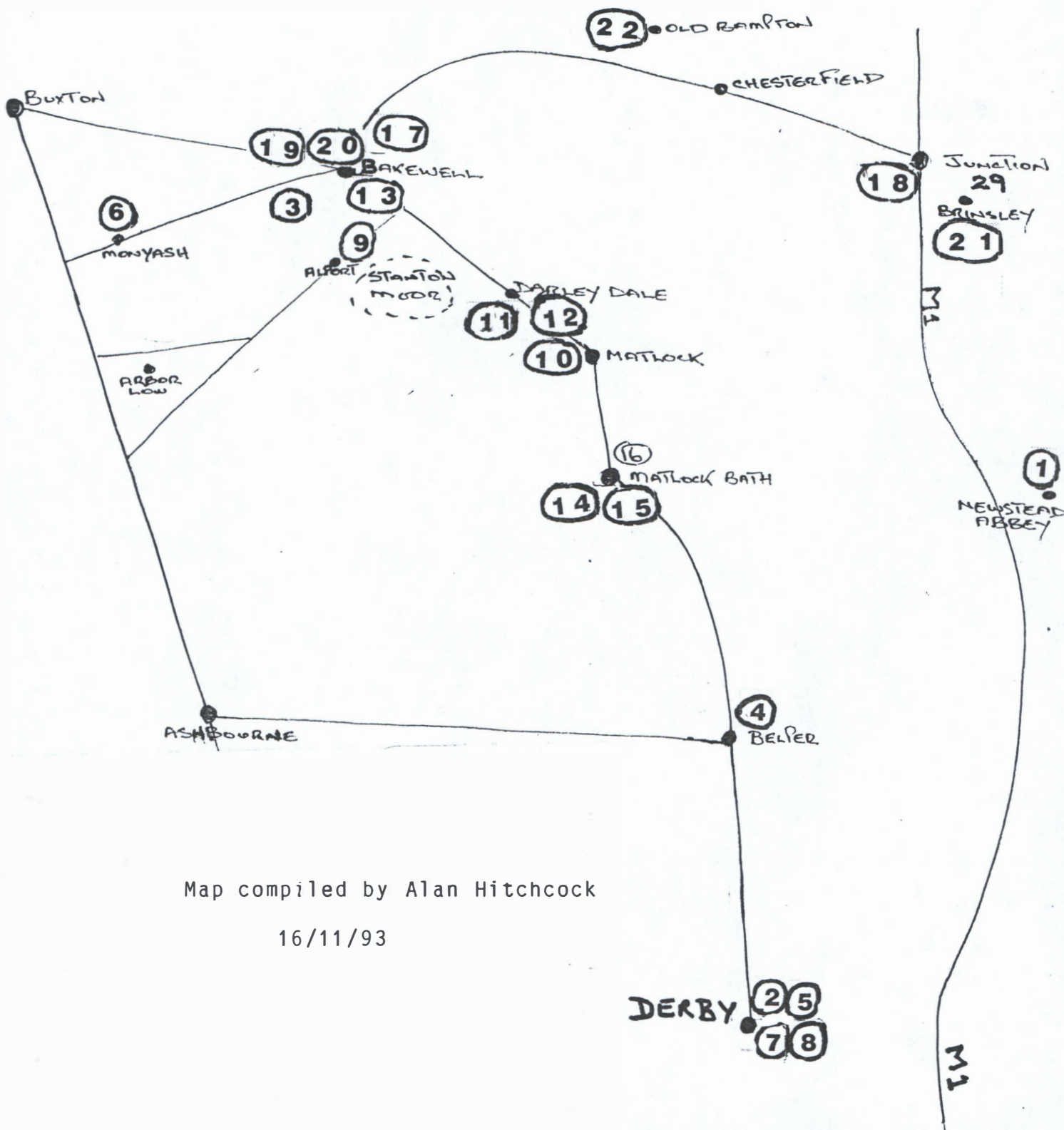
A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SIGHTINGS: SEPTEMBER 1993
(Researched by Alan Hitchcock)

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Object Shape</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Direction</u>
1		4	0350	Newstead Abbey	N/A
2		12	2040	Chaddesden	N - S
3		18	1615	Lathkill Dale	N
4	Searchlight & LITS	19	2125	Belper	SE - NW
5	LITS*	19	2030/2130	Spondon	N/A
6	Searchlight/Object	23	0115	Monyash	E - W
7		25	2345	Alvaston/Derby	N/A
8		26	1445	Derby (A38)	N/A
9		26	1945	Alport	S - N
10		26	2000/2100	Matlock	SE - NW
11	Flashes in sky	26	2100	Darley Abbey	N/A
12	Flying "Fairground"	26	2100	Two Dales (Darley Dale)	N/A
13	LITS	26	2100	Leabridge/Bakewell	N/A
14		26	2110	Matlock Bath	S - N
15		26	2110	Matlock Bath	N/A
16	LITS	26	2115	Matlock Bath	N/A
17		26	2120/30	Bakewell	SW - NW
18	LITS	26	2125	M1 (Jctn.29)	E - W
19		26	2130	Bakewell	N/A
20		26	2130	Bakewell	E - W
21	Dark Shape/lights	28	2240	Brinsley Notts.	N/A
22	Cigar & lights	30	0500	Old Brampton	NE - W

* LITS denotes "Lights In The Sky"

UFO INCIDENT LOCATION MAP

(SEPTEMBER 1993)



Map compiled by Alan Hitchcock

16/11/93

Close encounter scares witnesses

UFO

A mother and her 20-year-old daughter this week claimed to have been frightened after a strange silent craft followed them down Green Road.

Their encounter lasted about an hour and a half. The two, who live in the Derby Road area of Ashbourne, became aware of an elongated H shape in the sky on their right as they passed the Little Chef travelling the A52 towards Ashbourne. It was about 9.10pm.

"It was not a plane or a helicopter and had lights at the bottom like strobe lights moving around very slowly," recalled the mother. "It was square shape and very large in the sky."

"I wanted to go home when we got to Ashbourne but my daughter said to go to Green Road, where I knew that we should see it."

"Against my better judgment we went although I was frightened because I knew it would be there."

"Just past the Grammar School my daughter shouted that it was there on the left above the houses."

"I had already locked the car doors and drove up Green Road to about ten houses before the end, and stopped."

"Now it seemed to have lost shape and was replaced by a bright flashing star which we felt compelled to focus on."

"We were quiet, and kept looking for about five minutes and then suddenly there it was above us."

"I leaned forward and looked through the windscreen and directly above us was this saucer

shaped thing, as big as a house and as high as a house."

"It was round, and a silvery white colour with white flashing lights around it and other round shapes around it like glowing ball lights."

"There was no sound at all and I was petrified and my daughter screamed 'Oh my God.' I felt as though it could have beamed us up, so put the car in reverse and backed down Green Road at about 40 miles an hour."

"As I did so my daughter was shouting that it was following us, but by the time we got near to Town Head it had gone over the houses and trees and I felt a bit safer and stopped again."

They both got out of the car and stood looking up into the sky when they again saw the elongated H shape which, as they looked, changed into a cigar shape."

"As we looked it took off and shot across to the left, back to the right and back to the left. Then it disappeared."

The two now decided to go home but getting back in the car found it was icy cold, as though a frosty morning, although the heater had been on all the way from Derby."

Driving up Derby Road and looking across

the valley they saw the H shape still over Green Road and arriving home the woman got her husband to go back with them."

They followed the strange craft up to Kniveton, and saw it flashing again before it shot over towards Hognaston."

"My husband works in the aerospace industry," said the woman, "and had never seen anything like it. It was like nothing I had ever seen either."

The woman admitted she had been very disturbed by the experience and said it would take a long time to get over it."

"Although I am pleased to have seen it and wonder why it came to us, I never thought I was going to make it home. I thought life was going to disappear and me with it."

In July when a woman on the Green Road area was also frightened by a strange huge disc shaped object, several *News Telegraph* readers suggested it was a Chinook helicopter."

But when the *News Telegraph* described the experience and description to RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, spokesman Dale Donovan said it did not sound at all like a helicopter."

"The Chinook, while being 99 feet long including the rotar at each end, is a very loud aeroplane making a very distinctive vibrating noise."

"It also has a considerable down-draught."

"I think you are talking here of something more than a helicopter."

At the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, UFO sightings are dealt with by Mr Nick Pope who has asked that the women in question should send him full details of the incident and a sketch of the craft."

"Ninety-five per cent of reports we receive can be explained in terms of known objects or phenomena," explained Mr Pope."

"Satellites, aircraft, weather balloons, meteorites and so on. But we accept five per cent of sightings do appear to defy explanation and on which we are open minded and have no better idea than the next person."

Last year Mr Pope received 147 reports from members of the public, usually via the local police."

So far he has received no reports for Tuesday evening last week."

(We have contacted this newspaper and requested more information)

Copy: Bev. D. Wright

WHAT ALIENS?

Is there any point in pursuing the government to reveal what they know about alleged Alien Contact?

A number of organisations on both sides of the Atlantic are attempting to convince those in authority that they should reveal all, but as an ex-military intelligence operative once said to me "why should the public be informed?"

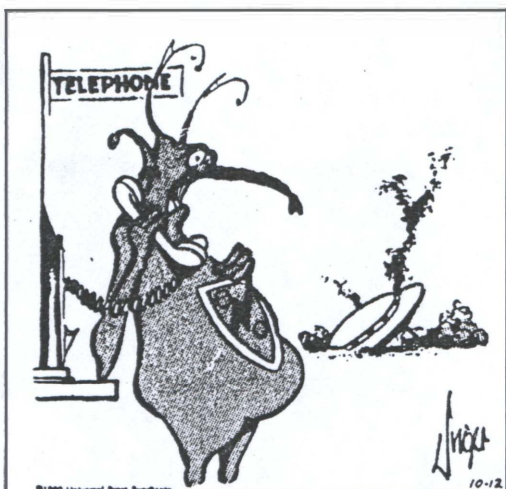
We have discussed in previous issues the implications of such revelations and the way that it would affect religious beliefs, commerce and the status quo.

We can only speculate about the apparent extremes that those in authority have gone to in an effort to "keep the lid on". There have on occasions been deathbed statements by witnesses who have been present at UFO encounters, but there have been others who have been threatened and kept silent to the end (in some cases "the end" may well have come sooner than the witness anticipated!)

The efforts of the American organisation "Citizens Against UFO Secrecy" (see over page), has resulted in little positive action from those in authority. President Clinton apparently responded by saying he will take the group's ideas into consideration and keep them close to his heart. But Mr Clinton declined to attend a meeting. (ref: Wall Street Journal 1/7/93)

It seems probable that the recently launched U.K. group "Campaign For Alien Acknowledgement" will not be able to progress any further than producing a list of intentions. The possibility of locating the actual authority dealing with alien interaction and to receive any kind of acknowledgement would appear to be remote.

With the advance of modern technology, military sources have a prime interest in keeping news of the latest developments from the general public. The so called "black budget" is an example of how the costs and information on new developments is kept from even those in government circles, so what chance is there of a protest group getting any further, or even as far as the front door of the White House?



From the Nottingham Evening Post

'Operator, how do I make a long-distance call from here?'

3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

July 11, 1993

Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

Word has come to me that a former U. S. military intelligence officer privy to certain hard evidence of the existence of U.S.-government-retrieved crash-landed "flying saucers" is being asked to sign a notarized "death-bed confession" about that evidence.

To encourage his confession, I ask that you as commander in chief issue to him and to others similarly situated, via my office in Alexandria, an executive order releasing him and them from their oaths of secrecy as regards their role in, or knowledge of, the so-called UFO coverup.

When I receive the order, I will forward it to the officer immediately. Otherwise, Mr. President, the officer may have to risk violating his secrecy oath in order to unburden his conscience over this continuing deception of the public.

Let's do the right thing for greater freedom of UFO information!

Attentively,



Larry W. Bryant

Director, Washington, D.C., Office
Citizens Against UFO Secrecy

Copy furnished to:

Hon. Charles Robb, U. S. Senate

Enclosure:

Two-page excerpt from the "leaked" presidential briefing paper on "Operation Majestic-12"

TALE ENDERS

EILEEN FLETCHER tells us that Radio Sheffield recently carried a report on a number of UFO sightings in the area. Two witnesses described how they saw a bright cigar shaped light at 4.40pm near Holmesfield in early November.

YOU CAN'T BE SIRIUS? A local Nottingham police officer was concerned about a strange bright light visible in the sky during his early morning shift, so he rang the PRA. Thanks to Garry Stapleton's computer Sky Chart, the culprit was identified as the star Sirius. We were able to telephone the officer within a few minutes and put his mind at rest!

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP are the latest organisation to enquire about an exchange of magazines. "I enjoyed reading your newsletter and found that it contained some very interesting material" (Steve Gerrard SUFOG).

APOLOGIES for the late issue of the OVNI. This is due to the Editor having driven down to Hampshire via Cone Alley (M1) frequently, to visit a sick parent in Hampshire.

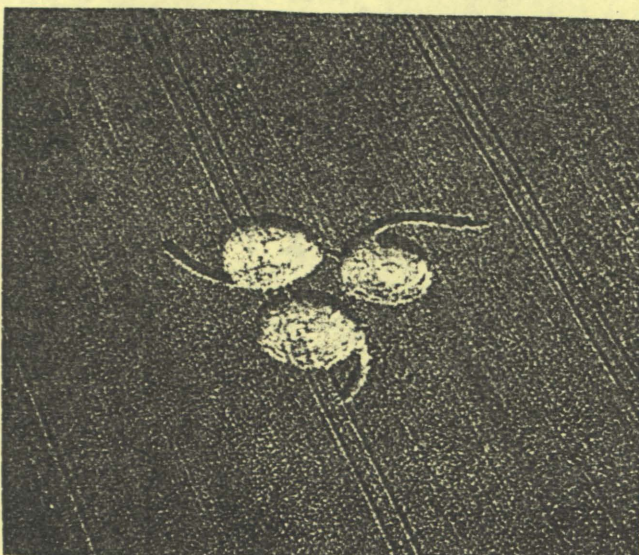
THE MORRIS MINOR OWNER'S CLUB of Derby have asked for a talk on UFO's. It will make a change from having their four wheels planted firmly on the ground!

SOBEPS (Belgium) latest UFO magazine has just arrived and carries more stories about, yes you've guessed it...Flying Triangles.

NEXT MEETING

BUSTY TAYLOR, the well known Crop Circle photographer, is currently touring the USA (yet again) and will be visiting us on his return.

He will give a visual/audio talk on the latest Crop Circles on FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd 8pm at the STANLEY CLUB, Stanley Common, Nr Ilkeston (A609). Members £1.00 Non Members welcome £2.00



An example of Busty's work: East Kennet, Wilts 1993

**Busty
Taylor**